

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Woody Evans. Mayor McGee asked City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	Phillip Howell
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Efrem Jones (absent), Janie Darning, Raymond Hatton, Pat Howell, Woody Evans Michael Florence, Koy Butler, and Wendell Walker
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Randy Mauk
W/S/S Supt.	Jim Kelley /Jim Ed Ransom
C.C. Director	Mike Brown
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg (absent)
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis
News Media	Jeffery Smith, The Leader
Visitors	Davy Clement, Neal Schafer, Ryan Biles, Jared Skillern, Darrel Cox, Trae Reed, Jim Bailey, Carol Schafer, Alice Bridges, Gina Wiertelak, Jim Wiertelak, Suzette Elmore, Harrell Boyles, Elizabeth Bowles, Cindy Reaves and Gary Elmore

MINUTES

Mayor Wayne McGee asked for acceptance of the minutes and the special meeting minutes as recorded. Woody Evans made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Elizabeth Bowles, with Aristotle Unified Communications, was present and handed out an explanation of who Aristotle is and what they do. Ms. Bowles explained that her business has is an internet service provider that has received money through the government and would like to bring service to Lonoke. She expressed that her business could serve a need in our community and would like to help the City of Lonoke as soon as possible. She opened the discussion up for questions that the council may have. Serval council members had questions that she was able to answer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Randy Mauk was present and gave report. He mentioned that \$7,500.00 has been billed to immigration and probation/parole. Chief Mauk gave an update regarding leads online. With the help of Leads Online, the Police Department has identified the suspects that stole the big rig from Walmart.

PARKS/MOSQUITO: Mr. Roy Don Lewis was absent and Mayor McGee have a report.

Walking Trail: Mayor McGee had bids on the walking trail "Rail Trail" project. The first bid was from RedStone Construction Group, Inc. for \$97,916.58 and the second bid was from CK Asphalt, LLC for \$118,956.58. Mayor McGee made sure that the council knew this acceptance was contingent on the Highway Department approval first. Pat Howell made a motion to have RedStone Construction do the work. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor McGee mentioned that he had an invoice from Randy Phillips for putting two culverts on the walking trail and for gravel work and mowing work. The total is \$4,000.00. Pat Howell made a motion to pay Randy Phillips. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor McGee had an invoice from TJ Paushert Trucking, LLC in Carlisle, AR for the total of \$7,861.36 to get 476 tons of gravel for the walking trail. Mayor McGee mentioned that there needs to be some Christmas lights repaired. The cost is \$1,700.00. Janie Darning made a motion to get the Christmas lights fixed. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McGee mentioned that there needed to be some electrical work done before the asphalt went down for the walking trail. The electrical work is to build a pedestal for the upcoming Christmas season, Christmas lights. Mayor McGee had a quote for \$1,677.93 from Nicholson Electric. Janie Darning made a motion to have Nicholson Electric do the work. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was absent. Mr. McGee gave report. He stated that soccer season is over and Basketball season was underway. Mr. Brown mentioned that the showers have been updated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was absent. Mayor McGee mentioned that there was nothing that the fire department needed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Water: Mr. Jim Kelley was present and gave report. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the clarifier cover will be delivered at the end of November. He mentioned that the water meters will also be start being installed in early December. Mr. Kelley mentioned that phase II of the Sewer Improvements, which has already been approved for Diamond Construction, should start work in a few weeks. Mr. Kelley asked to start bidding out for sewer Phase III and Water Phase II. Michael Florence made a motion to put this out for bid. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Kelley asked the council to purchase a trailer mounted trash pump that he will be able to use at the lift station and the wastewater station from Thompson Pump in Port Orange, FL. through Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) for the total of \$34,926.00. Raymond Hatton made a motion to purchase the pump. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Change order No.1 on Sewer Improvements (Phase 1)- The change order is to replace 12-inch storm drainage damage during construction and to increase construction time. The changes in the contract is

\$10,770.00. Janie Darning made a motion to have the change order complete. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Change order No.2 on Sewer Improvements (Phase 1 Part B)- The change order is to add sewer service line to extend to the street right-of-way. The cost for this is \$9,000.00. Woody Evans made a motion to have the change order complete. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street: Mr. Jim Ransom was present and gave report. He mentioned that the electronic steering pump on one of the trucks needed repaired for \$2,190.22, Steve Landers will be doing the repairs. Koy Butler made a motion to get this repaired. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. He mentioned that the hydraulic system on the grapple truck also needed some repairs. Henard Utility Company from Searcy, Ar. gave a quote for \$3,237.24. Koy Butler made a motion to get these repairs done. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Ransom mentioned that he needs another 8-inch re-lift for the city. Wendell Walker gave a quote of \$500.00 for a relift he no longer used. Michael Florence made a motion to purchase this equipment from Wendell Walker. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Contract for grinding trees: Mayor McGee mentioned that there are trees in the city that needs to be grinded. Mayor McGee mentioned that Randy Phillips will start this project for a contract with the city for \$1,100.00 a month. Koy Butler made a motion to have a contract drawn up with Randy Phillips. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trees that should be cut down: Mayor McGee mentioned that there are three trees on Locust St. that need to be cut down. The cost to cut the trees down is \$8,500.00 from Randy Phillips. Ginger Stuart mentioned she is not sure that the council can spend city funds to cut down property owners' trees. After some discussion, the council decided that Ginger will research the topic and report back in December.

Quotes for Roof Repair on Dr. Holmes Office- Mr. Ransom mentioned that he has put this project out to bid and the only one that came in was from AMC, LLC in Scott, Ar. for \$18,675.00. This will be to replace rotten and missing wood, install new metal roof over shingles and trim, etc. Michael Florence made a motion to have AMC do the work. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Phillip Howell went over the third quarter numbers, he explained there were no major problems.

2017 ARK LEG AUDIT – Treasurer Howell also noted that the 2017 Legislative audit was presented to the Standing Committee on Counties and Municipalities on November 1, 2018 and approved for release. There were no noted deficiencies just the standard adverse opinion relating to the way that cities are required to keep their accounting records which is contained in Ark Code Annotated 10-4-412.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONDEMNED PROPERTIES:

- **Resolution to “Condemn Property at 214 East 11th Street-** Raymond Hatton made a motion to give the owner until next meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. WATCH LIST:

1. **Mallard Point Golf:** Janie Dering made a motion to give until next meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. NEW PROPERTIES TO CONSIDER FOR CONDEMNATION

1. **BROWN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST- 319 BROWN:** This property is waiting on the city.
2. **COLE- 217 HARRISON** – Ginger Stuart stated that the lien holder is deceased. Ginger mentioned she would like to research this property more. Woody Evans made a motion to give this owner until next meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **CANNON- 208 HARRISON:** Janie Dering made a motion to condemn the property and have the property owner make payments to the city. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **MARSHALL- 218 HARRISON:** Janie Dering made a motion to condemn the property and have the property owner make payments to the city. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **SPRING- 317 HARRISON ENGLAND** – Ginger Stuart stated that there is an issue with the title. Ginger mentioned she would like to report back regarding this property. Woody Evans made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **CUMMINGS- 221 VASSER LANE-** – Ginger Stuart mentioned she has ordered title searches on this property. Janie Dering made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **GENTRY- 719 S. CENTER-** Janie Dering made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **BELLO-319 REYNOLDS STREET-** Janie Dering made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. **MERCADO-520 W. ACADEMY STREET-** Ginger stated that she heard from the owners. The owners stated that there will progress on this property. Koy Butler made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. **JONES-202 ADAMS STREET-** Ginger Stuart stated the address she has been sending the letters to several different addresses and they all come back to her. Woody Evans made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution -1-2018 “Condemn 520 W Academy” - tabled

B. Resolution -2-2018- “Condemn 217 Harrison Street” - tabled

C. Resolution -3-2018 “Condemn 317 Harrison Street” - tabled

D. Resolution -4-2018 “Condemn 202 Adams Street” - tabled

E. Arkansas Municipal League AD&D Plan Invoice- Janie Dering made a motion to pay the Invoice for \$1,840.00. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Ordinance 740- “Amend Ordinance 574 (Water and Sewer Fees)”- Michael Florence made a motion to put Ord. #740 on the floor. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 740 in its entirety. Janie Dering made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance

No. 740. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 740- title only- 2nd reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 740. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 740- title only – 3rd reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 740. Janie Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Janie Darning made a motion to adopt. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Janie Darning made a motion to accept the emergency clause. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Ordinance 741- Waive Bids to purchase Mosquito Chemicals- Raymond Hatton made a motion to put Ord. #741 on the floor. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 741 in its entirety. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 741. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 741- title only- 2nd reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 741. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Michael Florence made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 741- title only – 3rd reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 741. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Janie Darning made a motion to adopt. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Janie Darning made a motion to accept the emergency clause. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

H. Ordinance 742- Waive Bids to purchase APERMA Liability Insurance- Pat Howell made a motion to put Ord. #742 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 742 in its entirety. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 742. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 742- title only- 2nd reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 742. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 742- title only – 3rd reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 742. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Janie Darning made a motion to adopt. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Janie Darning made a motion to accept the emergency clause. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. REMOVE ITEMS FROM FIXED ASSET LISTING and SELL AT AUCTION - Mayor McGee asked the council for permission to sell assets on list and remove them from fixed asset listing. Woody Evans made a motion to get rid of the items. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PAY THE BILLS: Woody Evans made a motion to pay bills. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN OCTOBER 2018

City General	\$48,096.40
Water	\$34,422.21
Street	\$81,820.61
Community Center	\$16,800.89
Retail One Cent	\$503.50
Criminal Justice	\$2,116.31
Water/Sewer Revenue	\$4.00

BILLS TO BE PAID IN NOVEMBER 2018

General Fund	\$54,996.72
Water	\$10,382.73
Street	\$70,815.98
Community Center	\$7,760.84
Court Automation	\$773.50
Retail One Cent	\$349.48

ADJOURN: Woody Evans made a motion to adjourn. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

City Clerk